Category	Ongoing schemes
ARWSP (Normal)	Rs. 62.16 crores
SRWSP (Swajaldhara)	Rs. 6.85 crores
SRWSP (Quality)	Rs. 3.11 crores
TOTAL	Rs. 74.41 crores

In the current year 2006-07 against an allocation of Rs. 62.16 crore, Rs. 31.08 crore has been released as first instalment under ARWSP. Further, Rs. 6.85 crores has been released under Swajaldhara as the 1st Instalment. The State is yet to submit its proposal for 2nd Instalment under ARWSP (Normal).

A request has been received from Managing Director, Kerala Works Authority for reimbursement of Rs. 713.58 lacs for excess expenditure incurred during 2004-05 and 2005-06. Since guidelines do not provide for reimbursement of excess expenditure, the State Government has been informed accordingly. However, the State Government has been informed to submit proposal for release of additional funds, which can be considered after reviewing physical/financial progress of the State in last quarter of financial year.

A proposal for financial assistance from JBIC of Rs. 153.21 crores to complete the 20 ongoing projects received from Kerala has also been recommended to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). Further, a request for extending to ongoing World Bank aided Kerala Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project to 20 more Gram Panchayats has been agreed to in 2005. The extended credit agreement now stands at US $ 89.80 million with the IDA loan of US $ 65.50 million.

States not following priorities fixed by Government regarding NREGS

*107. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only a few States, where the National Rural

Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) is being implemented, have followed the priorities fixed by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government to see that the priorities fixed by the Central Government are followed by the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Works to be taken up by the State Governments under the employment guarantee schemes formulated under NREGA have been prescribed in their order of priority in Para 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act. The State Governments are following the order of priority for selection of works. A total of 415910 works have so far been taken up under the Act since its inception on 2.2.2006, out of which 188035 relate to water conservation, 30631 are drought proofing and plantation, 8248 are flood control works and 105558 are rural roads according to the permissible works of NREGA. Thus the soil and water conservation works taken together constitute 54.55% of the total works taken up unde the Act. State-wise details of the works taken up under the Act are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Regular monitoring of the implementation of the Act is done by the Central Government. Periodic review meetings have been undertaken by Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. National Level Monitors (NLMs) and Area Officers of the Ministry visit various districts to oversee the progress of the Act. So far 137 NLMs and 29 Area Officers have visited the various districts.

Ban on employing children below age of 14 years

*108. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban has been imposed recently on